

Stanford House Classics - Beginners

TITANIC

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The fantastic ship TITANIC left Southampton with more than 2000 people on board. It was a city on water! It had a swimming-pool, a sauna, a theatre, tennis courts, everything! The ship hit an iceberg. The nearest ship didn't receive the S.O.S. signal, and the TITANIC went to the bottom of the sea, taking more than 1500 passengers with it.



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"Where's my handbag?" asked Mrs Munro.

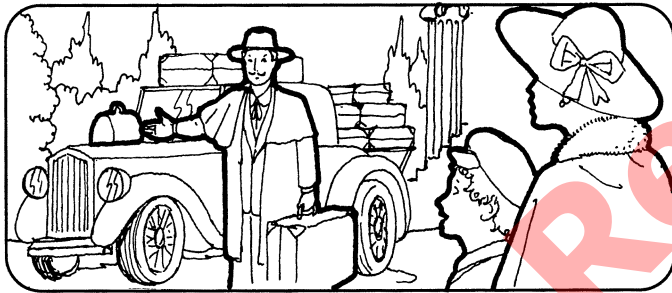
"It's on the bonnet¹ of the car, here you are," said her husband.

"Now, get into the car, we are late!"

There were suitcases on the roof-rack² and in the boot³ of the car.

"We are going to the United States today," said Roddy, their son.

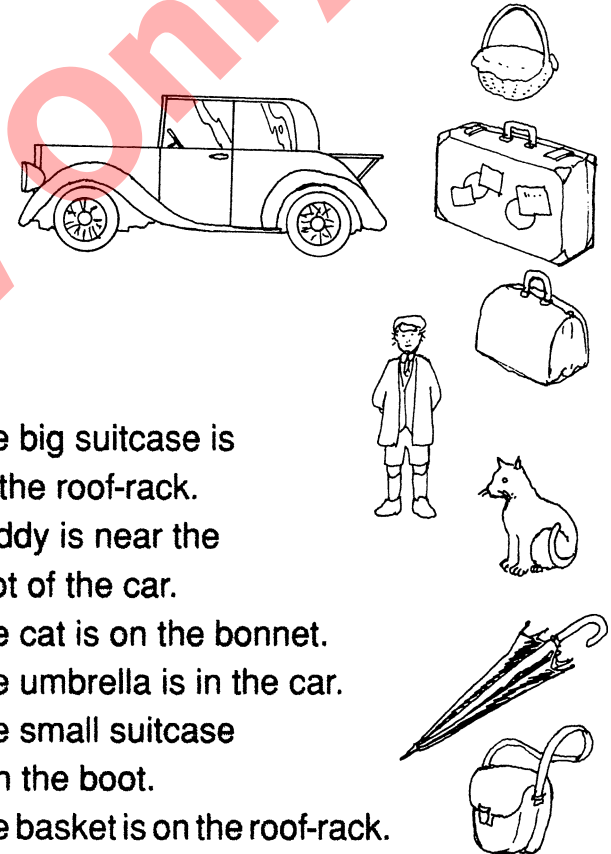
"And we're going on the biggest ship in the world! The unsinkable⁴ TITANIC!"



1. **bonnet:** the front of the car where the motor is.
2. **roof-rack:** a place to put luggage on top of the car.
3. **boot:** the space at the back of the car where luggage is put.
4. **unsinkable:** something that cannot go under the water.

ACTIVITY

 Read the sentences and draw an arrow to the correct place.



The big suitcase is on the roof-rack.

Roddy is near the boot of the car.

The cat is on the bonnet.

The umbrella is in the car.

The small suitcase is in the boot.

The basket is on the roof-rack.

Mrs Munro's handbag is on the bonnet.

"Look, Daddy," shouted Roddy,
"there it is."

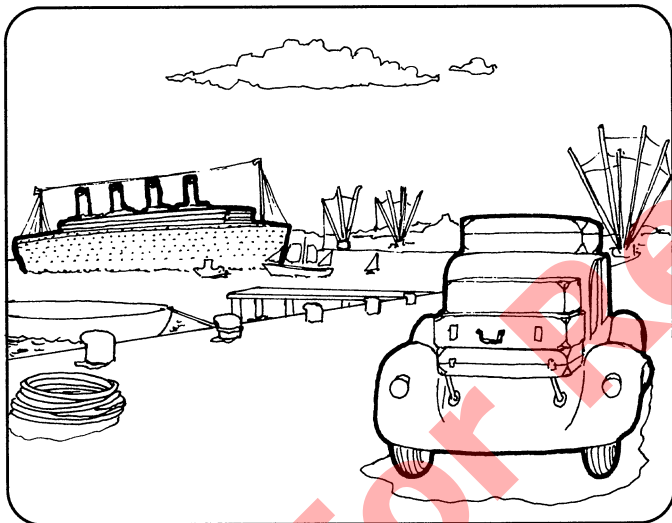
In the dock at Southampton was the
Titanic!

It was enormous¹! There was smoke
coming out of the four big, black and
white smokestacks².

"What time does the Titanic sail³?"
asked Roddy.

"At 12 o'clock," said his father.

"Come on, let's go to our cabin⁴."



1. **enormous:** very big.
2. **smokestacks:** chimneys.
3. **to sail:** to leave.
4. **cabin:** where you sleep on a ship.

ACTIVITY

 **Answer the questions.**

What time did the Munros get up?

They got up at a quarter to six. 05:45

What time did Munros leave home?

..... 07:45

What time did the Munros arrive in
Southampton?

..... 09:30

What time did the Munros go to
their cabin?

..... 11:00

What time did the Titanic sail?

..... 12:00

There were more than two thousand people on board¹.

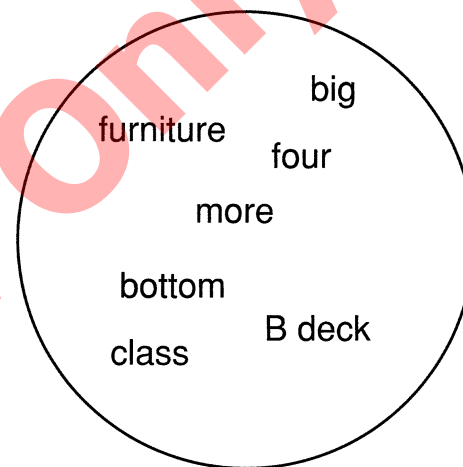
There were a lot of decks². The richer people were in first class at the top of the ship. The second class passengers³ were in the middle and the third class passengers travelled at the bottom and at the back. Roddy and his parents had a first class cabin on "B" deck. It was big with beautiful furniture⁴.



1. **on board:** on the ship.
2. **decks:** floors on a ship.
3. **passengers:** people travelling on the ship.
4. **furniture:** tables, chairs, beds, etc.

ACTIVITY

 Choose a word from the balloon and complete the sentences.



The rich people were in first

There were decks on the ship.

There were than 2000 passengers.

Roddy's cabin was very

There was some beautiful
in Roddy's cabin.

Third class passengers were at the

First class cabins were on